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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 479

By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ms. Lisa Wimberly on being selected as the Shelby County Employee of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ms. Lisa Wimberly, who was recently named Shelby County Employee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, as office manager of the Shelby County General Sessions Court Clerk's Civil Division, Lisa Wimberly is highly respected and admired by her colleagues for her eager assistance in times of crisis, her cheerful attitude and her application of the Golden Rule to her everyday life; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Little General" because of her reputation of ruling with a firm, but fair hand, Lisa has earned the respect, dedication and loyalty of her employees and supervisors for the personal and professional dedication that she demonstrates in her daily work routine; and

WHEREAS, as an example of her outstanding performance on the job, Lisa has been known to take information on an assigned project home with her and work late into the night on her home computer; she has also carried work assignments with her on vacation; and

WHEREAS, Lisa has also recommended and initiated various improvements for her office, one of which is the concept of cross-training employees, thus allowing an employee to step into the job of an absent employee, thus improving departmental efficiency; and

WHEREAS, in a demonstration of her financial acumen, Ms. Wimberly researched the fee schedules of the major Tennessee counties and found applicable statutes indicating that the Shelby County Sheriff's Office was entitled to collect fees that were previously not being charged; her timely research resulted in a substantial increase of several hundred thousand dollars per year in revenues collected by the sheriff's office; and

WHEREAS, according to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and as a credit to her efficiency and competence, Lisa Wimberly "is the most knowledgeable and dependable liaison the Sheriff's Civil Division has in county government"; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Wimberly epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; "she demonstrates an ability above and beyond the parameters required for her position" and is always making a strong effort to "provide better service" and "maintain top efficiency within the court system"; and

WHEREAS, since beginning her employment with the General Sessions Court in 1978, Ms. Wimberly has distinguished herself as a dedicated and loyal employee; Shelby County General Sessions Court Clerk, Chris Turner has said of her: "What is important is that Lisa stayed with County Government because she has always felt she could make a difference in the level of service offered to those who utilize the Court and because she truly loves her job and the many people she deals with on a daily basis. She has a degree of dedication that is comparable to none"; and

WHEREAS, Lisa is most grateful for the love and encouragement she shares with her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a person of Ms. Lisa Wimberly's stature walks among us, and she should be specially recognized for her many accomplishments and meritorious public service; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Wimberly for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and our citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ms. Lisa Wimberly for her astute service to the Shelby County General Sessions Court's Civil Service Division and the state of Tennessee, congratulate her on being named the Shelby County Employee of the Year, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.